



The Real Work of Easter

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Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Discussion Questions

Have you ever tried to make something better that just wouldn't become better?

What was the end result?

Paul comes right out and says, 'you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you once walked'.

What do you make of Paul's assessment?

Reread verses 4-7.

What does that all mean?

What does it tell you?

So, who is responsible for our salvation?

What does that mean to our faith and what does it mean when we're telling others about Jesus?

What are we supposed to do with that salvation?

Break down that last verse.

-His workmanship

-created in Christ Jesus for good works

-which God prepared beforehand

How does that verse speak to how you follow Jesus?